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Mr. Clair E. George
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Dear Clair:

Last week, I decided to start, next month, three years of study at Stanford University Law School. Consequently, I am leaving the Intelligence Committee and Senator Biden's staffs. The opportunity itself arose only about three weeks ago; so this entire operation is fairly sudden, not least for someone who graduated from college ten years ago.

I began work for the Intelligence Committee in May 1979. Since that time, I have had the good fortune of dealing with a large number of inordinately dedicated and talented individuals on the Committee, its staff, and in the intelligence agencies themselves. In particular, I have consistently met CIA officers who stand out for their high sense of purpose, morale, and competence. Finally, I have simply had the pleasure of benefitting from the hospitality and help of many DDO officers and their families in approximately fifteen countries in most degrees of longitude around the world. I would like to thank you, as DDO, very much for the experience of working with the CIA over the last five years.

If I can be of any assistance to CIA in the future, I would be happy to do so.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas A. Connolly
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